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WORKSHOP IN MEXICAN CULTURE TO BE HELD AT USD

SAN DIEGO, Calif.--A two-week workshop in Mexican-American Culture for those that work with and serve Americans of Mexican descent will be offered at the University of San Diego Aug. 4 to 15.

Designed for teachers, social welfare workers, ministers, city planners, and others the workshop was prepared in collaboration with Americans of Mexican descent said Sister Irene Lawrence, workshop director.

Those participating in the workshop may earn four units of college credit. The fee is \$150, with some scholarships available.

The program was developed for those who work with, live with or serve the special community and who feel a great need to understand the culture better," Sister Lawrence said.

Field experience in the barrios of San Diego county was thought by the Mexican-Americans to be the most valid and relevant phase of the workshop, she said. This portion of the workshop will enable those attending to know more of the problems of Mexican-American daily life, she added.

In addition to the direct, personal encounter with the community, the program will offer a solid academic base, providing a background of Mexican culture and history, Sister Lawrence explained.

Sister Lawrence, chairman of the USD College for Women department of sociology, is in charge of the field experience phase of the workshop. Professor Jannette Jensen, a member of the sociology faculty will present the analysis of Mexican-American culture.

Three hours of the seven and a half hour daily workshop will be devoted to conversational Spanish, offered at three levels of competence by Sister Alicia Sarre, USD professor of Spanish. #####

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